

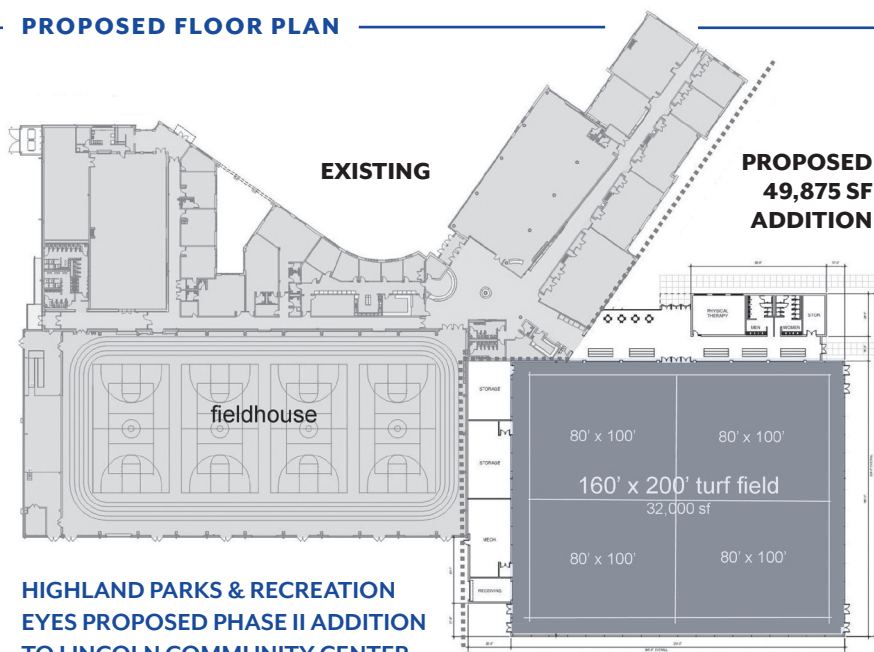


CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM: Just a friendly reminder that fireworks are allowed between 5 p.m. and two hours after sunset through July 9. The exception is July 4 between 10 a.m. and midnight. "Fireworks can be dangerous," Police Chief Pete Hohnick said. "Take every precaution to stay safe."

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PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN



HIGHLAND PARKS & RECREATION
EYES PROPOSED PHASE II ADDITION
TO LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER

NEW INDOOR SPORTS ARENA

Six years after opening a newly renovated Lincoln Community Center, members of the Highland Park Board have unveiled a plan to proceed with Phase II – an under-roof turf facility that would be built immediately east of the fieldhouse.

At 49,875 square feet and featuring a soaring roof 40 feet above the turf, the multipurpose facility would provide ample space for group sports – such as soccer, baseball, rugby, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee as well as batting cages and driving ranges for golf enthusiasts – eight months of the year.

During the remaining four months, flooring would be placed over the turf for basketball and volleyball, making it suitable for year-round use.

"The project is expected to cost \$15 million, which includes design, construction and equipment," Park Superintendent Alex Brown. "We held public hearings in June and will schedule another round prior to a vote on the project, which has been placed on the November ballot."

WHAT'S NEXT?

Voters will decide on a proposed \$15 million Lincoln Center addition in November.

If approved by voters, construction could start as early as September 2019 and take a little more than a year to complete.

Another round of public information meetings will be scheduled this fall. Stay tuned for dates and times.

INFO: Conceptual drawings are available at Lincoln Community Center.

LES CAFÉ INVESTS IN DOWNTOWN HIGHLAND

After leasing for 15 years in downtown Highland, the Les siblings have taken the plunge with the purchase of the Les Café building as well as its neighbors – the shuttered Thrifty-Kleen, Cobbler Shop and two-flat nestled behind the business.

Pete Les, who handles the structural elements of the local pancake and omelet empire, said the family has big plans for the restaurant – a new facade to accompany interior renovations – as well as improvements to the other buildings.

As soon as they inked a deal with the former owners, Les began developing a new vision for the historic buildings.

Les Café Pancake House prides itself on customer loyalty – many of whom have made this next chapter possible.

"We love being part of the community and are eager to give our restaurant a new look and feel," Les said. "There is no better place to invest. We want to make downtown Highland a destination. We know this investment will improve the downtown experience and we are excited for the renovations."

ABOUT LES CAFÉ

Les Café Pancake House features an extensive breakfast and lunch menu in family-friendly atmosphere.

WHERE: Les Café Pancake House, 2708 Highway Avenue, Highland
INFO: (219) 972-7831 or visit lescafe pancakehouse.com

HIGHLAND CURFEW

School may be out, but the town curfew is still in effect.

It is a violation for teens ages 15, 16 or 17 to be in a public place:

- Between midnight and 5 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.
- After 10:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday.
- Before 5 a.m. Monday-Friday.

It is a curfew violation for children under 15 to be in a public place between 10 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. any day of the week.

CRIME WATCH MEETING

Learn about recent crime trends at Highland's monthly neighborhood watch meeting.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. **JULY 11**

WHERE: HPD Community Room

INFO: Please call Sgt. Shawn Anderson at (219) 838-3184 or email sanderson@highland.in.gov.



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SUMMER ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PAVING THE WAY FOR HIGHLAND RESIDENTS

Early into the summer road construction season, Public Works Director John Bach has already registered a crucial win.

A decision to close south Kennedy Avenue for paving was married with a railroad crossing reconstruction that had been planned for 2019 to reduce two years of inconvenience to eight days.

"We worked with Canadian National and got them to agree to replace the crossing this year at the same time we were working on Kennedy Avenue," Bach said. "It was a short-term headache that resulted in a long-term win for motorists. The crossing was in rough shape."

Next up is the road reconfiguration at 5th and 45th coupled with a reconstruction of 45th from Kennedy to 5th Street – work that will continue through September – and installation of a larger water line and reconstruction of Wicker Park Manor, Robertson Place and Walnut Drive.

The 45th Street reconfiguration, which adds a turning lane, is a \$628,000 project – 80 percent of which will be paid using federal road dollars.

The roadway portion of the project is \$819,000, 50 percent of which is being paid from the state's Community Crossing Grant program. 🐦



RESURFACING PROJECTS

As part of summer road construction, the town is completing a series of projects from its master list of streets-in-need that will make driving, biking and walking neighborhood streets safer.

- **WIRTH ROAD:** Liable to Kleinman
- **PETTIT DRIVE:** Hess to Wirth
- **DULUTH:** Parrish to Grace
- **WILDWOOD:** Bluebird to Idlewild
- **LINCOLN:** Kennedy to Ridge Road
- **SANDLEWOOD:** Orchard to Kleinman
- **SANDLEWOOD:** Orchard to dead end

CHURCH COLLECTING CELL PHONE FOR SOLDIERS

If your cell phone is due for a replacement, consider donating it to Cell Phones for Soldiers via Suburban Bible Church.

Office Manager Donna Goubeaux said the church began serving as a collection point for the national not-for-profit late last year.

"Our military ministry team found there were no collection points in Northwest Indiana," Goubeaux said. "Since November, we've sent three large boxes of discarded phones. The organization refurbishes them, using sales proceeds to provide calling cards for soldiers."

Goubeaux recommends removing Sim cards or resetting to factory presets prior to donation. "This is a great way to help our servicemen and women," she said. "In addition to the calling cards, Cell Phones for Soldiers provides money to help get soldiers home in an emergency." 🐦

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Cell Phones For Soldiers began in 2004 as the idea of two patriotic kids who wanted to give back to the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting us each and every day.

The charity has provided more than 300 million Minutes That Matter to our troops serving around the world and continues Helping Heroes Home via emergency funds that have assisted more than 3,100 veterans and their families.

LEARN MORE: cellphonesforsoldiers.com

LOCAL DONATIONS: Residents can drop off cell phones at Suburban Bible Church, 3010 41st Street in Highland.

INFO: Please call Donna Goubeaux at (219) 924-6240, extension 24.

Highland Business Spotlight



BRANDING THE AMERICAN BUSINESS

THE CORPORATE THREAD

Behind the Highway Avenue storefront lives Corporate Thread, a business that is transforming screen-printed apparel.

"We have perfected discharge printing that eliminates the rubbery feel of the printing process," said President Tom Porter, who has shepherded seismic growth in branding companies through specialty logo apparel as well as custom hats and knitwear.

Porter wouldn't have it any other way.

From its downtown location, Corporate Thread ships tens of thousands of high-end retail shirts, jackets, baseball caps and the like to locations around the globe.

"Downtown is just perfect for us," said Porter, who tapped the town's facade program to refresh its Mid-century modern storefront. "We started in Porte de L'eau, but found our permanent home in downtown Highland."

The company's showroom, screen-printing and fulfillment is located on the main level of what was once the town's first laundromat. On the lower level is 6,000 square feet of knitting operations where more than 30,000 caps are made each year.

"The best part of this job is creating a specialty product for customers who have never had one before," he said.



THE CORPORATE THREAD

2929 Highway Ave
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"We've created more than a million custom hats and screen printed hundreds of thousands of retail-quality branded garments over the last 25+ years. Our business has been proudly built on trust, industry experience and dedication towards branding your business."

HOURS

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday

KIWANIS CHICKEN DINNER

Join Highland Kiwanis for a chicken dinner — half a roasted chicken, Nelson's tasty Pit-Tatoes, coleslaw and a dinner roll — at Main Square Park. Eat at the park or carry out.

WHEN: 5-6:30 Friday, **JULY 27**

WHERE: Main Square Park

TICKETS: \$12 tickets must be purchased in advance at Lincoln Center or from a Kiwanis member.

INFO: (219) 923-2360

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Children - 2nd to 8th grade - and their parents are invited to Wednesday Night Live, a free event that includes a picnic dinner as well as games, activities and crafts.

WHEN: 5:30-7:30 p.m. **JULY 25, AUGUST 1 and AUGUST 8**

WHERE: New Life Christian Reformed Church, 3010 Ridge Road

INFO: (219) 838-0506

ROTARY CORN ROAST

Join us for all the corn you can eat plus two hot dogs or one sausage, chips, drink and dessert. Proceeds benefit Highland scholarships and park, fire and police departments.

WHEN: 4 to 7:30 p.m. **AUGUST 3**

WHERE: Main Square Park

FEE: \$6 in advance or \$8 at the park. Tickets are available at Cakes by Karen, Lincoln Center and the chamber office.

INFO: (219) 923-3666



ALL-CLASS REUNION

The Highland High School All-Class reunion features food, music and fun. Local businesses, who donate food, cash and raffle items, help organizers keep the ticket price at \$10 — and provide an ample surplus, which is donated to Highland High.

WHEN: 7 p.m. to midnight **AUGUST 4**

WHERE: American Legion Hall

INFO: Call Mary at (219) 924-7031.

MIDWEEK MUSIC & MARKET

Shop local businesses at the midweek market from 5 to 8 p.m. and grab a comfy lawn chair for the acoustical entertainment from 5 to 6:15 p.m. and the summer concert series from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Beer garden will be available July 11 and August 8. Here's the lineup:

JUL 11: Adam Galikowski
IPA Polka Band

JUL 18: Leann Stutler
Manny & The Crescent City Po' Boys
- brassy/Creole

AUG 8: Jef Sarver
Joe Marcinek Band

WHERE: Main Square Park Gazebo

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be held in the Lincoln Center Fieldhouse. Please bring your own chair.

INFO: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Join us for an evening in the park to watch "The Emoji Movie" on the big screen. The concession stand will sell popcorn and fountain drinks. Bring a blanket or comfortable lawn chair. If it rains, movie will be held at Lincoln Center.

WHEN: Dusk Friday, **JULY 13**

WHERE: Main Square Park

INFO: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org.

RED HOT TENNIS CAMP

Learn proper tennis techniques from instructors Steve and Ofelia. Steve is a longtime USPTR tennis pro at Match Point and former head coach at Calumet College. Ofelia is a USPTR tennis pro at Match Point, assistant girls tennis coach at Highland High and former assistant coach at Calumet College. Camp is open to boys and girls 5 to 18 years old. Dress comfortably and bring your own racquet.

WHEN: 8 to 9:30 a.m. or 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Monday - Thursday, **JULY 9-27**

WHERE: Highland High School tennis courts

FEE: \$140/\$150 per 3 week session; \$95/\$105 per 2 week session; \$50/\$55 for 1 week.

INFO: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org

LAST CALL FOR SUMMER

The sultriest days of summer will be the setting for Highland's newest downtown festival.

Hosted by Highland Main Street, the festival is aptly named - Last Call for Summer - because it coincides with the last Saturday before the beginning of school. No reruns here, the Main Square stage will feature local bands playing original songs, food provided by Highland restaurateurs and a beer garden, which will be tended by 95ate5 Brew Pub.

WHEN: 1 to 6 p.m. **AUGUST 11**

WHERE: Main Square Park

INFO: If you are a vendor or local band looking to participate, contact Lance Ryskamp at (219) 972-7598 or email lryskamp@highland.in.gov.

KIDS FISHING CONTEST

Junior anglers will bait their hooks and cast their lines from 8 to 10 a.m. July 14 at Meadow's Park Pond. Contestants will enjoy a morning of fishing activities in this annual catch-and-release fishing tournament.

Don't forget! Parks and Recreation added a new fishing pier with rails that is ADA accessible at the east end of the pond.

Registration

July 12 deadline

Event fee

\$7 residents

\$10 nonresidents

What to bring

Bring your own pole, hooks, lures and bobbers.

Bait is provided.

For more information

Please call Highland Parks & Recreation at (219) 838-0114 or visit highlandparks.org.



CHICAGO BULLS SUMMER CAMP

Let the Chicago Bulls teach you how to play like a champion! Improve every aspect of your game including ball handling, shooting, passing, rebounding, footwork, individual moves and team concepts. Campers — ages 6 to 12 — receive a Chicago Bulls duffel bag, basketball, T-shirt, evaluation report, graduation certificate and two Windy City Bulls tickets.

WHEN: 1 to 4 p.m. **JULY 30 - AUGUST 3**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center Fieldhouse

FEE: \$215 per player

REGISTER: Online at www.bullssoxacademy.com or call (630) 324-8221.

SLEEPING BEAUTY™

You thought you knew everything there is to know about the beautiful princess, who pricked her finger and fell into a sleep so deep only a kiss from her true love could wake her? Think again. Our guild of skilled actors are readying a performance with all the magic and music you could hope for with a twist of comedy, rock n roll, even opera thrown in for good measure. Bring a comfy lawn chair or blanket.

WHEN: 8 p.m. **JULY 26-28 and AUGUST 2-4**

WHERE: Main Square Gazebo

FEE: Admission is free. Programs are \$2.

INFO: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org.